

Entertainment.

prated song by
for Mr Marsh,

CHURCH SERVICES.
ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—5TH SUNDAY IN LENT.
April 1.
Matins.—11 a.m.—Responses, Psalms, Venite, Goodies, Psalms, Wesley, Hopkins and Monk; Benediction, Maundy in E; Jubilate, Hymns, 631, 200 and 494; Vesper Hymn, Steane; Voluntary, Allegro—Suares; Cava-tina—Mansfield.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—SUNDAY, APRIL 1.
Morning.—10.30. Evening.—6.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Hastings leaves for Swatow.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per Malacca not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per Yarra not cleared before noon subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, April 3.—
9 p.m.—A Grand Evening Concert, in St. George's Hall.
Goods per *Greyhound* undelivered after 10 p.m. subject to rent.
WEDNESDAY, April 4.—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of H. M.'s Justice of the Peace at the Magistracy.
FRIDAY, April 6.—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 10, Knutsford Terrace, the residence of G. L. Duncan, Esq., by Mr. Geo. E. Lammie.
SATURDAY, April 7.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, at 'Dunrobin,' the Peak Residence of Mr. Newman Munford.
WEDNESDAY, April 18.—
12.15 p.m.—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 2, Colmaught Road.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, March 31, 1900.

On London	...	111 1/2
Bank, Wire	...	111 1/2
" On demand	...	111 1/2
" 30 days sight	...	111 1/2
" 4 months sight	...	111 1/2
Credit, 4	...	111 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight	...	111 1/2
On Paris	...	246
On demand	...	246
Credit, 4 months sight	...	246
On Berlin—Demand	...	200
On New York	...	47 1/2
On demand	...	47 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	...	47 1/2
On Bombay	...	145 1/2
On demand	...	145 1/2
On Calcutta	...	145 1/2
On demand	...	145 1/2
On Singapore	...	1 1/2 pm
On demand	...	1 1/2 pm
On Shanghai	...	71 1/2
On demand	...	71 1/2
On Yokohama	...	31 1/2 pm
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DEATH.

At the Government Civil Hospital, on 31st March, ALEXANDER LAWSON WALKER, native of Aberdeenshire; aged 31 years. The funeral will pass the Monument to-morrow morning (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.35 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1900.

It may be a surprise to some Britishers and aliens alike to know that in the years of grace 1574 and 1575 there were in England armed and trained Volunteers to the number of 1,172,674 'with armour and munition kept in one several place of every town appointed by the command of the whole parish, where it is always ready to be had and worn within an hour's warning.' For further information as to the training and armament of these eleven hundred thousand men those who are curious can refer to 'A Description of England,' by William Harrison, in 'Hollinshed's Chronicles.' Here we cannot help a conjecture what the fate of the landing force of the Invincible Armada would have been, even with the Duke of Parma's contingent added, if they had managed to defeat or elude the war hawks of the Channel and actually landed on English soil. We quote again from the editor of these Chronicles—'People who dream that the Spaniards would have fared better by land than sea are grievously out in their reckoning.'

It is instructive to reflect that this sturdy, trained fighting force were Volunteers as were also the men under Howard, Drake and the other sea captains. In these days a Volunteer was a fighting man trained to efficiency in the use of his particular weapon. There was no War Office red-tape supplied, neither was the fighting capacity of the men judged by their ability to march past like a wall, and thereupon be pronounced as fit to go anywhere and do anything when it is fully evident that neither officers or men have had a chance to apply the commonsense that is in them to the operations of war. It is a cheap sneer to talk of amateur strategists, but Cromwell and Napoleon did not abide by the rules of war as understood by the Cavaliers in the one case or the Austrians, Prussians, Spaniards and Italians in the other. They were decidedly amateur strategists and tacticians judged by the standard of their time, but they both came out as the greatest military commanders of their epoch. It is worthy of note that both of their selected their officers and trained their fighting men not by some rote-rule laid down by *gendarmes* but by the work they had to do. The Marshals of France of the little Corporal were chosen neither for birth or rank but by being better fighting men. They and the troops trained for war by them have been named by Captain Mahan as the most brilliant soldiers of all time, and with justice.

There is no need to go over the history of our Volunteer forces, the supercilious toleration of the Pall Mall soldier in the early years. The 'mob of men with muskets' have more than vindicated themselves, and if those now in South Africa are led by intelligent fighting officers and not by men of the red-tape type, they will fight with their hands as well as arms, which combination appears to have been non-existent in the leading battles of this war. Many of the professional staff of the Volunteer forces and Volunteer officers alike have worked their hearts out in trying to turn their men into copies of the six years' barrack-square trained Tommy; and if after endless endeavour a commandant can get his men to march past in a fairly straight line, he, good soul, thinks he commands a body of fighting men, when perhaps only a small percentage of the officers and men have had any field training or musketry practice under conditions approximating to those of real war. The spit and polish of barrack-drilled men may or may not be useful for regulars, but with volunteers nine-tenths of it means wasted time. The average amount of time spent by the mounted men who have turned up from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the South African Colonies in formal parade movements would make an adjutant or a Commanding Officer of a crack cavalry regiment smile, but it is doubtful if the smartest regiment of the regular cavalry forces could not be better spared from the front than an equal number of any of the Colonies.

The organization of the voluntary armed forces of the Crown has been, utterly neglected. There has been no intelligent shaping of means to an end. Great masses of infantry without noble guns or mounted men, cavalry regiments with twenty-eight days' training a year trying to imitate a well drilled or Hussar regiment in the regular and the vicious example is followed in some of the Colonies. In Hongkong it is at least questionable whether the organization of the Volunteer Corps had any relation to the possible uses of such a force. The present establishment of a Field Battery with machine-guns, three machine gun companies, a weak Infantry and Engineer Corps, is not exactly the force a soldier leader would choose to operate with in such broken country as Kwangtung, Kwangsi, or the islands on the coast. Probably such a commandant who

wielded to adapt means to an end would prefer a battery armed with the best light quick-firing guns procurable, a strong Mounted Infantry Company trained to their special work, and three or four hundred infantry without the polish and smartness in formal drill of the regular soldier, but with the knowledge and ability to seize and hold defensible positions. In such an organization every man would feel that he was being used for a definite end, and take a pride in learning his work. It is a fact beyond contradiction that these Volunteer Corps that go in for the most thorough training for war are never in lack of recruits, as is indicated by the Queen's Westminster, the London Scottish, London Rifle Brigade, some corps in India and many others.

Some of the Volunteers have been allowed to run riot in the military line, and have rigs that would be about as useful in the field as a lady's ball dress; and yet we consider ourselves practical people. Every bit of polished metal on arms or accoutrements, buckles, buttons, etc., are troublesome in times of peace to keep bright, and on service are a positive danger to the individual wearing them and to the unit to which he belongs—for a bright object is visible many hundreds of yards before ground-coloured uniforms are indistinguishable, and so give points for ranging-finding. Pipe-played bells are a perfect atrocity from the utility point of view, and should be consigned to the museum or the Tower of London. The regular army should be left to enjoy its breast-plates, plumed helmets, bearskins, gold-laced jackets, cocked hats and all the other paraphernalia of show that is supposed to be military, but has no relation to a workman's dress for the work he has to do, always provided that the taxpayers care to-day for it. But Volunteers are not a showy force, and should be trained and dressed for work. The authorities will by so doing make the Volunteer pay for its armament for practice, and appear to think a rifle range an unnecessary adjunct. It may be contended that the abolition of all the man millinery in the land forces will endanger *esprit de corps*. That is a theme for a debating society, but the fact remains that our men who are now doing the fighting as well as ever they did, horse, foot and artillery, have discarded all their finery. The fact is that though the British folk hate militarism they are willing people, and have supplied men and money courageously for years past to train and equip an army of half-a-million men, ready for war, with trained reserves of fully twice that number, and yet when a war breaks out there is an inferior power like the Boers, there is transport sufficient to take the whole of the British Empire, and a deficiency of artillery and mounted troops and in ammunition, and every man who was sent from the British Isles had to be re-clothed. That is not carrying on the fighting department of the nation on either of the bases of business, and it is devoutly to be hoped that when the present job in hand is finished King Demos will make strict enquiry and reorganize the whole of the land fighting forces of the Empire. Make Volunteers, Militia, Yeomanry an integral part of the Army, and come to the conclusion that a man, officer or private, who gives his time and energy to be as efficient a soldier as his trainers will allow, should not be put to the cost of one penny out of his own pocket.

In the training of Volunteers, the most successful system has been to leave all preliminary drill of recruits to the paid instructors, and only allowing them to join the ranks of the trained men when passed by the Adjutant as fit to do so; and all officers must obtain their certificates of proficiency before taking up the duties of their rank. By so doing the older men are not kept back by being mixed with recruits, and the officers are able to direct their energies and intelligence to more advanced matters than the goose-step and the manual exercise. If the regular paid soldiers are not properly equipped, the case of the Volunteers is infinitely worse. Very few units indeed have organized transport either for ammunition, stores or food; when an emergency arises, makeshifts and muddling at tremendous expense is the order of the day. And wherever it is known that the British Empire is a very wealthy one, but even we cannot afford inefficiency in military matters.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Battleship 'Goliath.'
Orders were given for the new first-class battleship *Goliath*, which has been built and equipped at Chatham Dockyard at a cost of £200,000, to hoist the pennant on 27th March for service on China Station. The destroyer *Janus* was to commission from the Midway Fleet Reserve on the same date for service as tender to the *Goliath*. The *Otter*, t.b.d., was also commissioned at Devonport as tender to the *Goliath*, for passage to China. On arrival at Hongkong the *Otter* will be paid off into the Reserve.

The Commander of the 'Waterwitch.'
Lieutenant W. O. Lyns, surveying vessel, who is to command the *Waterwitch* when recommissioned at Hongkong to continue surveys in the Far East, became sub-lieutenant in 1883, and attained his present rank two years later. His career as a surveyor commenced sixteen years ago, and like his colleague and contemporary, Lieutenant-Commander C. E. Monto, recently appointed to the *Dart*, he has worked hard in the cause of science for nearly half a generation.

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CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.
My mother suffered with chronic diarrhoea for several months. She was attended by two physicians who at last pronounced her case hopeless. She procured one 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and five doses gave her permanent relief. I take pleasure in recommending it as the best on the market. Mrs. F. E. WATSON, Aiken, Ala. Sold by ALL Dealers; Watson & Co., General Agents.

Notes from the Philippines.

Brigadier-General W. A. Kobbe, U. S. Volunteers, is appointed Military Governor of the District of Mindanao and Jolo Archipelago. Brigadier-General James M. Bell is appointed Military Governor of the Provinces of Camarines, Albay and Sorsogon, Luzon, of the Island of Catanduanes, and of the small adjacent islands in the immediate vicinity of these provinces and Islands which are north of the San Bernardino Straits. The District will be known and designated as the District of South-eastern Luzon.

Father W. D. McKinnon and the editor of the *Manila Times* are at variance, and are dealing some hard blows at each other. The Rev. Father writes to the editor 'Your paper has for months been a stench in the nostrils of all decent people' and the editor replies by quoting Archbishop Chapple's commendation of the paper at a recent semi-public gathering. Father McKinnon concludes his letter as follows: 'Even, Mr. Cohen, your blasphemous sneer about the great Apostles, Sts. Peter and Paul, will not help you. Being a descendant of those who crucified their Master gives you no right in a Christian country to utter such a blasphemy against them.' To which Mr. Cohen, who is well-known as a journalist in Hongkong and the Far East, replies:—'We are not in debt, and if Mr. McKinnon's "business man in Manila" says so full or ever have failed to meet our liabilities when due, it is a gross libel. As to his other burst of malvolence, the name of Cohen is not Jewish, but has been well and honorably known in the north of England for many generations. And to be Jewish is no crime.' To stir up race-hatred is a crime, and the person who does it is unfit to be a chaplain or a captain. He is unworthy the uniform of an officer or the cloth of the Church. The Jews are a bitterly persecuted race, but one of the finest and best in the world. The country that persecutes them goes downhill. The pack of miserable scoundrels who formed the despicable conspiracy against Dr. Estey are accurate examples of the anti-Semitic fanaticism which seems to bring forth all that is worst in wicked human nature. We would be glad to be of Jewish race, for the joy of fighting such a monstrous evil, and if any anti-Semite wishes to take us for a Jew, we will sink the Saxon and assume the role assigned to us, for the cause of right and justice.' A Mr. A. W. Proutch writes in the same issue of the *Manila Times* intimating that he is taking proceedings against Father McKinnon for alleged libelous and defamatory statements made against him. What it is all about does not much matter; but it would almost seem that to their other blunders in the Philippines the Americans are doing their best to create a permanent religious quarrel.

The Largest Colliery in the East.

The Mitsui Mining Company of Tokio, Japan, has just issued a booklet descriptive of the Mito Coal Mines, the largest Colliery in the East. The book is printed at The Kokubunsha, Tokio, and is a specimen of printing it does the firm every credit. The work is produced on 'Perfection' Paper, and the illustrations show up very clearly. Besides a well-written story, descriptive of the coalfield, the different varieties of coal and the method of working it, the book comprises accurate full page illustrations, and a coloured map of the district. The Company is to be complimented on the production of such a smart advertisement.

Missions to Seamen.

A correspondent writes:—'It may not be generally known that the Mission to Seamen in this port is part of a world-wide organization which has its headquarters in London and its branches in all the chief seaports at home, and also in many Colonial and foreign ports. Its aim is, whilst ministering to seamen of all nationalities as far as it is possible, to carry the Mission flag—the flying angel with the Gospel in its outstretched hand—to every great port where the British flag is carried. Whilst ministering to the spiritual needs of the seamen, it also provides institutes, coffee-houses and reading rooms where healthy amusements and recreations may be found, and thus it tries to counteract the many evil influences that are brought to bear upon the seamen. At present this Society, like many others, is passing through a period of depression with respect to funds, owing no doubt to the many other calls. It is therefore appealing to its friends everywhere to help it to maintain its work without drawing back at any point, and in response to this appeal sermons with special efforts on behalf of the Society are to be preached at St. Peter's Church, West Point, to-morrow—in the morning by the chaplain and in the evening by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The Society is at present about to increase its staff in Hongkong so as to make it possible to have two ordained men at work in this port instead of a chaplain and reader as in the past.

The natural disgust created by Cod Liver Oil by its Emulsion invariably affects the good stomach. Not so with **Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil**. Palatable, easily taken, the patient at once experiences the beneficial effects. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

Notes by the Way.

On page 2 will be found an interesting notice of Mr. A. J. Barker's career.

Owing to pressure on our space, we are compelled to hold over till Monday the report of the distribution of the Bellios prizes at the City Hall to-day.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Michel Oudinow as Consul of Russia at Hongkong.

A football match played on the Luneta, Manila, on the 22nd inst., between teams representing H.M.S. *Orlando* and *Plover*, resulted in a win for the *Orlando* by 3 goals to 1.

The further hearing of evidence in *Belillos v. The Bank of China and Japan* was resumed in the Supreme Court yesterday, before His Honour Sir John Garlington, O.M.G., and a special jury. Mr. Belillos again occupied the witness-box all day.

R. A. Sports.

We are asked to state that the trial heats of the R. A. Regimental Sports will be run off on Wednesday next, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp. The Sports will be held on Thursday next, the 5th April, commencing at 10.30 a.m. The band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will play selections on Thursday.

Death of Major Yeather.

Major Ernest Walter Yeather, second in command of the 2nd King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment, who was severely wounded in the fighting during General Buller's advance, and who subsequently died of a gunshot wound in the head, was from June 1, 1887, to April 5, 1890, deputy assistant-adjutant-general at Hongkong.

German Shipping Subsidies.

The German Government has contracted with the Nord-Lloyd a semi-monthly steamship connection between Hamburg and Bremen and China and Japan; and has granted to the company for such service a sum of M. 1,500,000 (£75,000), of which one-half is to be paid to the Hamburg-American Company, whose East Asiatic steamers are engaged in the same connection.

Chinese Boy Shot.

At the Magistracy this morning, a Russian named Nicholas, who acts as an assistant at the shooting gallery situated near Princes' Buildings, was charged with having on the previous day wilfully and maliciously wounded a Chinese boy, named Chun Yung, by shooting him with an air-gun. The boy was shot in the head and a rather severe wound was inflicted. He was removed to Hospital, but is expected to be able to give evidence on Monday. The case was accordingly adjourned till then. (On being charged with the crime prisoner said it was an accident.)

Death of Mr. A. Walker.

It is with regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Alexander L. Walker, clerk to the Hongkong Ice Company. Mr. Walker arrived in the Colony only two years ago, acting as manager of the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam during the absence of his brother, Mr. James Walker. He was a fine stalwart specimen of the Aberdeenshire Scotsman, and by his frank disinterested nature soon won esteem and regard in a large circle of friends who now mourn his early death with genuine regret and with heartfelt sympathy for his mother and relatives in the Homeland and elsewhere. Mr. Walker, who was only 41 years of age, was the son of Major Walker, Westside of Brux, Kildrimony, one of the leading Scottish breeders of polled cattle and one of the most popular and most highly respected men in the county. Like his father, the deceased was an enthusiastic volunteer, belonging at home to one of the Volunteer battalions of the Gordon Highlanders, and in Hongkong to 'D' Infantry Company of the local corps. He was too ill to attend the Commandant's parade on Saturday, the 17th March, and a few days later developed symptoms of typhoid fever. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where, notwithstanding the unremitting attention of Drs. Lawson and Bell, and the Nursing Sisters, he succumbed to the insidious disease at 8.15 this morning. The remains will be accorded a military funeral at the Happy Valley to-morrow morning, leaving the Volunteer Headquarters about eight o'clock and passing the monument about nine o'clock.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—
On the 31st at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has fallen on the China coast, owing to a depression which appears to be lying over Japan. Clouds night for S.E. winds on the China coast. Forecast—S.E. winds, moderate to light, some mist or fog.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN JAPAN.

JAPANESE NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

MOBILISATION OF THE NAVAL RESERVE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Tokio, March 31.

In spite of the public statements of responsible officials and statesmen in Japan, the opinion is spreading that only a plausible *caveat* is needed to precipitate a conflict with Russia. It is asserted Russia is prepared to give up Masanpo, provided another harbour is ceded to her in Corea. This rumour is causing considerable excitement in Japan.

There is also a good deal of commotion over the preparations for the approaching naval manoeuvres and the mobilisation of the Japanese naval reserve.

REUTERS SERVICE.

LONDON, 29th March.

THE WAR.—GENERAL METHUEN'S FORCE.

A large force of the army maintained a heavy fire on Warrenton all yesterday. One man was wounded and numbers of our horses and cattle killed.

THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

The British in the Free State are constantly unearthing buried guns and munitions.

THE TRANSVAAL COMMAND.

It is reported that President Kruger succeeds the late General Joubert as chief in command of the Boer army.

LONDON, 29th March.

THE WAR.—TROOPS FOR RHODESIA.

The transport *Formosa* left Delagoa Bay on the 28th inst. for Beira. It is believed that General Carrington's force goes to Rhodesia via Beira.

THE LATE SIR DONALD STEWART.

H.M.S. *Juno* has gone to Algiers to fetch the remains of the late Sir Donald Stewart.

HAVAS SERVICE.

WAR NEWS ALA FRANCAIS.

PARIS, March 28.

It is announced from Kimberley that several engagements have taken place between the British and Boer forces near Warrenton. The Boers defeated the British near Lolatsi.

THE SALARIES QUESTION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. LAWRENCE GIBBS.

In our yesterday's issue we reported to the presentation of a handsome blackwood cabinet and ornaments to match to Mr. Lawrence Gibbs, from the officials in the Public Works Office, on the occasion of his leaving the Government service.

In making the presentation, Hon. R. D. Ormsby said—Mr. Gibbs 'I have been asked by our brother officials present to be their spokesman on this occasion, and it gives me pleasure to accede to the request.

At the same time, I can assure you that we are all and all regret that you are severing your connection with the Department, and to us especially the loss of an energetic, most efficient, and reliable assistant is a serious one. (Hear, hear.) I had the pleasure of meeting you nearly three years ago on board the *Haym*, when we travelled together to England on leave. I then formed a high opinion of your character, which further acquaintance has strengthened. You will not be forgotten in the Public Works Department, and your name will always be connected with many important works projected and carried out by you in the colony. We wish you all success in your new career, and long life and happiness. (Applause.)

The cabinet contains a plate on which are inscribed the words—'Presented to Mr. L. Gibbs from the officials of the Public Works Department, Hongkong, 30th March, 1900.'

Mr. Gibbs, who was applauded on rising to acknowledge the gift, said—'If anything could add to my pleasure on leaving this service, it would be the fact that, though my work has never been appreciated by the Government in a tangible manner, it has, I believe, been appreciated by my fellow-workers. (Hear, hear.) who perhaps after all are the best judges of its value. I take this very handsome present you have given me as a proof of that appreciation. (Hear, hear.) In a Department like this one can scarcely work for ten years without making some mistakes, without treading on someone's toes. I cannot suppose that I have been much better than anyone else, but I can honestly say that I have always endeavoured to help others while working for myself. (Hear, hear.) I have never tried to push myself into a position to which I had no right. (Hear, hear.) I felt it was my duty to do all the work I could, as it was my master's duty to see that I got enough work. I have no complaint to make on the latter score (laughter)—and not too much pay. There, again, with regard to the latter, I have no cause to grumble. (Hear, hear.) I can only hope my resignation and those which have followed will be of some service to this Department in inducing the Government to take a proper view of the value of the services rendered by it. (Hear, hear.) I only now remain for me to thank you most heartily for this very handsome present which both my wife and I will greatly value. (Applause.)

The dialogue between the Hon. F. H. May and the People's Thomas went the salaries question, with occasional interpolations by other members, is exceedingly funny reading. After quibble and counter-quibble, retort, courteous and retort aggressive, bland acknowledgment and blank denial, the pair of 'arguers' wind up just where they started and everybody is satisfied. It was a sort of 'Here we go round the mulberry bush' game, no forwarder at the end than at the commencement, and it was even better going to wind than the last round, the Chairman winning by a nose. We, the Firm, trust, however, that some good may follow the appointment of an unofficial committee and that the admitted wrongs of the authorities of the Public Service will, in time, be redressed—notably as regards salaries.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

THE RELIEF OF MAFeking.

A NEW COLUMN FORMED.

GENERALS FRENCH AND TUCKER ON THE MOVE.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
London, March 31, 2.20 a.m.

In consequence of the daring depredations of the enemy, Generals Tucker and French were ordered to operate against them, and attacked and captured the kopjes at Kooro Siding. The Boers retreated to Blanford.

The British force lost eight officers and about one hundred men.

A new column is being organised at Kimberley for the relief Mafeking.

[Blanford is about 40 miles north of Bloemfontein, on the railway, and about 100 miles from Kroonstad.—Ed., O.M.]

CHUTNEY.

(Manufactured by the Firm of Irresponsible, Chutney and Co.)

'Some 'as brains and no money; some 'as money and no brains.' Them 'as 'as money and no brains is made for them 'as 'as brains and no money.' This was, we believe, an axiom inscribed in the pocket-book of the lamented Arthur Orton, and its absolute correctness was forced upon the Junior after a recent visit to Mafeking, where he witnessed the drawing of the lottery there. Although the sale of lottery tickets here, and in many other places, even far South as Colombo, is taboo, it is a well-known fact that a considerable amount of money is risked every month on these—so far as the investing public are concerned—million to one chances. The method of drawing may be fair enough—we do not assert that it is anything else—but it is obvious that, when the promoters reserve to themselves something like half the tickets issued, the chances of the big prizes returning to the bank are exactly even money. This is how the thing generally pans out, and is the reason one so seldom hears of a good thing having come the way of a punter. It is wisest to leave lotteries alone, and yet, with the ever-ready *funis* strong within us, we still persist in having 'just one more show.' Hope springs eternal in the human breast, and this fact is responsible for a lot of cussedness.

Oh, why? why? why? it is permitted to the speculative gambler to run up unsightly Chinese edifices, on our reclaimed foreshore? The hope that our completed Praya would be a thing of beauty and a joy for ever, is rapidly disappearing before the gradual growth of a couple of prison-like blocks of ugliness near the Market, and, we believe, there are yet more to come. Really, in this salubrious Colony of Hongkong, we truckle to Chinese sympathies and conservatism to an extent that is absolutely unwarrant

er **SHANGHAI**, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 2nd March.

MANILA.—

For **Manila**, at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 2nd March.

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AMOI & SINGAPORE.—

For **Amoy** and **Singapore**, at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 2nd March.

RAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACIFIC

Canadian Pacific Mail Packet. *Express of China* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

00 A.M. Registry closes:

(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, till 10 p.m.)

00 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, with the *Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Lightning, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once. Cargo remaining on board after 2 p.m. of the 3rd April will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited. Consignees of Cargo from Singapore and Penang are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 728

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S
STEAMER BENGAL.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where such Consignment will be sorted out. Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. The vessel brings on Cargo:— From LONDON, ex s.s. Australia. From AUSTRIA, ex s.s. Oceania. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. Pachtan. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 p.m. To-day. Goods not cleared by the 5th April, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 29, 1900. 720

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON
AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship Glenfury having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where such Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 3rd April will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Co. within ten days of Steamer's arrival, after which no Claims will be recognised.
McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 692

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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THE Company's Steamship
HAIMUN,
Captain Haimun, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 1st April, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 31, 1900. 721

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship
YUEN-SANG,
Captain P. H. ROUS, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 2nd April, at 4 p.m.
This steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 29, 1900. 679

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
POINTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship
CHINGTU,
Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th April.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for Return by the Steamers of the Western and Australian S. S. Co., and vice versa.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 16, 1900. 589

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Hongkong, March 16, 1900. 588

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship
SUNGKIANG,
Captain MOORE, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 5th April.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 704

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

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PATHAN,
will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 7th April.

For Freight, apply to
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 6, 1900. 236

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FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

Taking Cargo at LONDON Rates.

THE Company's Steamship
HECTOR,
Captain DAVIS, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 15th April.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 649

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
MACHAON,
Captain HANNAH, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 1st May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 20, 1900. 710

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THE OSAKA SHOSUN KAISHA, LD.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
MAIZURU MARU,
Captain E. OZARA, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 1st April, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 31, 1900. 677

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
MENMUT,
Captain AILMUT, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 2nd April, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent Accommodation provided by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout with the Electric Light, and is supplied with a Refrigerating Chamber.

A Doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 703

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO.

THE Company's Steamship
CHINKIANG,
Captain VANCE, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 30, 1900. 619

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
GLAUCUS,
Captain BARWICK, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 3rd April.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 14, 1900. 571

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR HIENTSIK.

THE Company's Steamship
NANCHANG,
Captain FINE, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 22, 1900. 650

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.'s NEW YORK
LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
LOVSTAKKEN,
will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 5th April, 1900.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 20, 1900. 683

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
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STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, KARACHI,
SUZUKI, PORT SAID, YUMK AND
TRIFISTE, DIRECT.

(Taking Cargo at Through Rates to Persian
Gulf, Black Sea, Levant and Adriatic
Ports).

THE Company's Steamship
URANO,
Captain P. BERNARDINI, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 6th April, in the afternoon.

Silk and Valuable goods are transhipped on arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 26, 1900. 678

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI,
EGYPT, MARSILLES,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 9th April,
at 1 p.m., the Co's S. S. TONKIN,
Captain VANCE, will sail for
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI,
EGYPT, MARSILLES,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal Ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 8th April. Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900. 705

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CONTRACTOR.

30, D'ARCADE STREET, HONGKONG.

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Buildings of all descriptions. Sup-
plying Timber, Bricks, Granite, and all
Building Materials at very MODERATE
PRICES, and undertake the engagement of
CARPENTERS, SHIPWRIGHTS and Masons.

Hongkong, August 12, 1899. 1829

Not Responsible for Debts.

NEITHER the Captain the Agents, nor
Officers will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of
the following Vessel, during its stay in
Hongkong Harbour:—
F. WILLIAM H. SMITH, American ship, E.
C. Colley—Standard Oil Co.

Mails.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ATOCHE, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, AND
SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN
PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE
UNITED STATES, MEXICO, THE
CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA,
Etc.

Ensign, 3177. On 12th April.
Curtis City, 3172. About 10th April.
Stockholm, 3173. About 10th May.
Belgian King, 3174. About 5th June.
Thyris, 3175. About 8th July.

THE S.S. Ensign will be despatched
for SAN DIEGO, and SAN FRAN-
CISCO, via KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and
HONOLULU, on 12th April.

City of London, 3176. About 10th May.
City of London, 3177. About 10th May.
City of London, 3178. About 10th May.

Cargo will be received on board until 5
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels
Packages will be received at the Office until
the same time. All Parcels should be
marked to address in full. Value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo
destined to Ports beyond San Diego,
should be sent to the Company's Office,
addressed to the Collector of Customs, San
Diego.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.
Hongkong, March 28, 1900. 501

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

America, 3179. On 12th April.
Shanghai, 3180. On 12th April.
Shanghai, 3181. On 12th April.

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